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ABSTRACT

One of the murkier areas of feminist therapy ethics involves decisions about children and adolescents within mental health settings. Some of those ethical dilemmas are covered in this text, which provides a feminist focus on the mental health rights and needs of children. The book addresses specific practices intended to help therapists organize and resolve conflicts about working with children, adolescents, and their families in therapy. The topics include: children, adolescents, and their powerholders in therapy settings; the congruence of international children's rights and feminist principles as a foundation for therapy; the human rights of children with disabilities; children of lesbian parents; the rights of children and adolescents of color in mental health systems; a soulful approach to working with adolescent girls; a feminist look at exclusionary practices in family therapy and child psychotherapy; feminist approaches to working with adolescents; the effect of domestic violence on children; and a profile of the Children of Separation and Divorce Center, which was designed to empower children and their families to cope with transitions. Each chapter stands alone while building upon the larger picture of feminist ethics. Includes an index. (RJM)

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